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1. THERE FOLLOW EXCERPTS FROM THE ADDRESS OF PMAC FIRST VICE-CHAIRMAN MENGHISTU HAILE MARIAM TO DEMONSTRATORS ON THE STEPS OF THE OLD GEBI PALACE IN ADDIS ABABA YESTERDAY (FEBRUARY 18) AS REPRINTED IN THE ETHIOPIAN HERALD TODAY:

BEGIN EXCERPTS: TO ENSURE THE...UNITY OF OUR MOTHERLAND IS THE SACRED DUTY OF ALL ETHIOPIANS...EVERY TIME THE UNITY AND TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY OF THE MOTHERLAND WAS  
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THREATENED OUR FOREFATHERS CLOSED THEIR RANKS, MOBILIZED

THEIR RESOURCES AND CHARGED IN UNISON LIKE DISTURBED  
BEES HURLING THE SHAME OF DEFEAT ON THE AGRESSORS...  
PATRIOTISM, VALOR AND ABSOLUTE DEDICATION TO THE CAUSE  
OF THE MOTHERLAND IS PART AND PARCEL OF OUR TRADITION  
AND WAY OF LIFE...THE ENTIRE ETHIOPIAN PEOPLE HAVE BEEN  
ANGERED BY THE TREACHEROUS BEHAVIOR OF A HANDFUL OF  
REFFRAFFS...BROUGHT ASHORE BY DHOWS...THE NUMBER  
OF VOLUNTEERS...ASKING TO BE SENT TO ERITREA TO  
CRUSH THE BANDITS HAS REACHED SIX MILLION...NOT  
INCLUDING THE MODERN STANDING ARMY OF ETHIOPIA, THE  
RESERVES AND THE TERRITORIAL ARMY. THE TRUGGLE OF THE  
NEW GENERATION IS TO BUILD ETHIOPIA ANEW ON THE BASIS  
OF ETHIOPIAN SOCIALISM AND THEN JOIN HANDS WITH OUR  
EAST AFRICAN BROTHERS AND SISTERS IN THE CREATION OF  
A STRONG CONTINENT. HENCEFORTH, ETHIOPIA'S TERRITORIAL  
INTEGRITY WILL NOT BE LIKE AN ABANDONED HOUSE WHICH  
ANYONE CAN OPEN AND CLOSE AT WILL...WE HAVE THE ABILITY  
TO HIT OUR ENEMIES LIKE A SUDDEN FLOOD...THE BANDITS  
WHO ARE USING STICKS...RECEIVED FROM COWARDS WILL  
NEVER BE BEYOND THE DETERRENT CAPABILITIES OF OUR  
NORTHERN ARMED FORCES. SOME REACTIONARY ELEMENTS MUST  
UNDERSTAND THAT WE ETHIOPIANS ARE VERY PARTICULAR ABOUT  
A GRAIN OF OUR COUNTRY'S DUST LET ALONE ETHIOPIA'S  
TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY AND THEY MUST KNOW WE HAVE THE  
CAPABILITY OF TURNING THEIR PLOTS INTO ASHES. ONLY A  
FEW ERITREANS HAVE BECOME AN INSTRUMENT OF THIS  
REACTIONARY PLOT. YOU SHOULD SHOW YOUR BROTHERLY FEELINGS  
TOWARDS THE ERITREAN PEOPLE...ETHIOPIA HAS STRETCHED  
FORTH HER HANDS TO LIVE WITH HER NEIGHBORS IN PEACE...  
SHE IS READY TO ENHANCE THE AIMS AND OBJECTIVES OF THE  
OAU IN COOPERATION WITH THE COUNTRIES OF THE THIRD WORLD.  
WE ARE PREPARED TO DEMONSTRATE TO OUR EXTERNAL ENEMIES  
AND THEIR INTERNAL AGENTS WHO, IGNORING OUR NOBLE AIMS,  
ARE TRYING TO CHANGE AT WILL THE MAP OF AFRICA ONCE  
AGAIN WHAT ETHIOPIA DEMONSTRATED TO THE WORLD AT  
LARGE IN 1896- -THAT IT WAS NOT AN EASY TASK TO DISMEMBER  
HER...ETHIOPIA'S HUMAN AND MATERIAL RESOURCES ARE  
ADEQUATE NOT ONLY FOR MAINTAINING OUR TERRITORIAL  
INTEGRITY BUT ALSO TO CONTRIBUTE OUR SHARE FOR THE  
MAINTENANCE OF WORLD PEACE AND SECURITY...IN THE  
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NAME OF TRUE ETHIOPIAN BROTHERHOOD, I ADVISE MY  
ERITREAN BROTHERS WHO ARE ROAMING THE WILDERNESS TO  
COME HOME AND BEGIN A NEW LIFE TO BUILD A SOCIALIST  
ETHIOPIA IN A NEW SPIRIT. WE OF THE NEW ETHIOPIAN  
GENERATION HAVE PLEDGED OUR LIVES FOR THE PROMOTION OF  
ETHIOPIAN SOCIALISM ON THE BASIS OF EQUALITY, SELF-  
RELIANCE WHILE AT THE SAME TIME MAINTAINING THE SACRED  
UNITY OF THE MOTHERLAND. I WOULD LIKE TO REMIND YOU

ONCE MORE NOT TO HOLD ANY GRUDGES AGAINST OUR BROTHERS  
IN ERITREA BECAUSE OF THE BEHAVIOR OF SOME MISGUIDED  
ELEMENTS...WE SHOULD DO EVERYTHING IN OUR POWER  
TO SHOW SYMPATHY TO THOSE WHO WERE DISTURBED BY RECENT  
EVENTS OR MISLED BY THE BANDITS. IN THE NAME OF PMAC  
AND THE ETHIOPIAN PEOPLE I ASSURE OUR ERITREAN BROTHERS  
WHO WERE MISLED...THAT THEY CAN PURSUE THEIR DAILY  
LIFE IN VARIOUS PARTS OF THE COUNTRY WITHOUT FEAR  
OR WORRY. END EXCERPTS.

2. COMMENTS IN SEPTTEL.  
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